

November 27, 2007

Ms. Susan Haberstroh
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RE: 11 DE Reg. 602 [Proposed Standardized Financial Reporting Regulations]

Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education's (DOE) proposal to adopt regulations which require all school districts and charter schools to post the summary of their financial documentation on their respective website. The proposed regulations are the result of enactment of H.B. 21. The regulations were published as 11 DE Reg. 602 in the November 1, 2007 issue of the Register of Regulations.

SCPD identified only one concern with the regulations. The regulations omit the requirement that districts provide the financial information in writing upon request. Indeed, the synopsis to H.B. 21 contemplates that such access would conform to the FOIA. The regulations only require posting on the agency's website.

SCPD endorses the regulations subject to incorporating an amendment to address agency provision of the financial reports in writing upon request.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position or observations on the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
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